

### **REMARKS**

Claims 1 and 2-21 are pending in this application. Claim 2 has been canceled, without prejudice. Claims 1, 10 and 11 have been amended. New dependent claims 19-21 have been added. As noted during the teleconference between the Examiner and Applicants' attorney on November 8, 2007, new dependent claims 19-21 parallel original claims 6-8.

The Office Action objected to the first paragraph of the specification and to the Abstract. The Office Action rejected claims 1, 3-9 and 12-18 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,081,874 ("Carpenter"). The Office Action also rejected claims 1-18 on the grounds of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being allegedly unpatentable over claims 16-25 of U.S. Patent No. 7,117,419 and claims 15-25 of U.S. Patent No. 7,103,823.

Although the foregoing rejections are respectfully traversed, in part, independent claims 1 and 18 have been amended to overcome the rejections over Carpenter. A terminal disclaimer is being submitted to overcome the double patenting rejections.

#### ***Objections to the Specification and Abstract***

The first page of the specification has been amended as indicated in the Office Action. However, the Abstract has not been amended. As noted during the November 8, 2007 teleconference, Applicants' attorney used the "Word Count" tool of Microsoft Word™ to determine that the Abstract contains only 146 words. Applicants' attorney appreciates the Examiner's indication that the Abstract appears to be in proper format.

#### ***Claim Rejections and Responsive Amendments***

Claims 2, 10 and 11 were only rejected based on alleged double patenting. As noted during the November 8, 2007 teleconference, independent claims 1 and 18 have been amended to incorporate the recitations of claim 2. These amendments should overcome the rejections of independent claims 1 and 18 over Carpenter. A terminal disclaimer is being submitted to

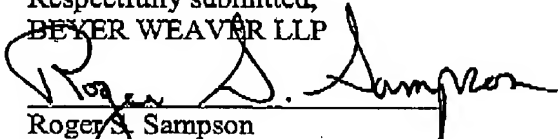
overcome the double patenting rejections. Claims 10 and 11 have been re-written in independent form.

**CONCLUSION**

Applicant believes that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner. If the Examiner still believes that there are any additional issues that need to be addressed before issuing a Notice of Allowance, Applicants' attorney would appreciate a telephone call.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, including any extension fees, which may be required or credit any overpayment directly to the account of the undersigned, No. 50-0388 (Order No. NWISP042).

Respectfully submitted,  
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